the staff of the Engineering Department, including the Corporation Engineer. The responsible officers of the Engineering Department and those of the Accounts Department have acted, as the report reveals, in complete disregard with the provisions of the P.W.D. Code and Corporation Acts and Rules and thus contributed to the misuse of the funds of the Corporation.

Increased Water Rate In Belgaum

346. **Sri B. B. SAYANAK** (Belgaum).—

Will the Minister for Municipal Administration be pleased to state :—

(*a*) whether the Government is supplying water to the Belgaum Municipality ;

(*b*) if so, since when ;

(*c*) whether the Belgaum Municipality is distributing water to the consumers ;

(*d*) the water rate that was charged by Belgaum Municipality in 1971 ;

(*e*) whether the water rate in Belgaum has been increased from April 1972 ;

(*f*) if so, the rate of water as at present ;

(*g*) whether the Government has accorded sanction to the levy of increased water rate in Belgaum City ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—(Minister for Municipal Administration).—

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) From February, 1962.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*) Re. one per 1,000 gallons.

(*e*) Yes.

(*f*) Rs. 1-06 per 1,000 gallons.

(*g*) Yes.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—May I know why the water rate which was one rupee per 1,000 gallons was increased to Rs. 1·06 after April 1972 ?

Sri B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The water rate was increased due to the increase in the expenditure.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—I want to know whether the Municipality has passed any resolution regarding this.

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The Municipality has accepted the rates fixed later.

SRI B. B. SAYANAK.—When there are no meters to indicate the consumption of water, how is the Municipality charging water rates ?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—I will look into the matter.

ಶ್ರೀ ಎಂ. ಎಸ್. ಕೃಷ್ಣನ್.—ಈಗ ಒಂದು ಸಾವಿರ ಗ್ಯಾಲನ್‌ಗಳಿಗೆ ರೂ. 1—06 ಪೈಸೆ ಮಾಡಿರುವುದು ಹೆಚ್ಚಾಗಿದೆ ಎಂದು ಸರಕಾರಕ್ಕೆ ಬೆಳಗಾಂ ಕಡೆಯಿಂದ ಯಾವುದಾದರೂ ಮನವಿಗಳು ಬಂದಿವೆಯೇ ? ಹಾಗೆ ಬಂದಿದ್ದರೆ ಆ ಮನವಿಗಳನ್ನು ಏನಾದರೂ ಪರಿಶೀಲನೆ ಮಾಡುತ್ತಿದ್ದೀರಾ ಹೇಗೆ ?

ಶ್ರೀ ಬಿ. ಬಸವಲಿಂಗಪ್ಪ.—ಅಂತಹ ಮನವಿಗಳು ಯಾವುದೂ ಬಂದಿಲ್ಲ. ಈಗ ಮಾಡಿರುವ ರೂಪಾಯಿ 1—06ರ ರೇಟು ಬಹಳ ಕಡಿಮೆ ಎನ್ನುವುದು ಸರಕಾರದ ಗಮನದಲ್ಲಿದೆ.

Sri B. B. SAYANAK.—The Municipality or the Government as the case may be, has supplied water to the Aluminium Factory at the rate of Rupee one per 1,000 gals. Why have you increased the rates for the public ?

SRI B. BASAVALINGAPPA.—The rate charged for 1,000 gallons of water is one rupee and twenty paise and not one rupee.

Damage Due to Floods of Varada River

362. Sri F. S. TAWARE (Haveri).—

Will the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state :—

(*a*) the number of villages damaged due to floods of Varada river during 1961 and whether it has come to the notice of Government that the temporary sheds constructed by them at the cost of Rs. 250 have also been damaged and the people have become shelterless ;

(*b*) if so, whether they propose to take up a permanent scheme to prevent the damage due to floods ;

(*c*) whether they would consider to prepare a scheme whereby the Mysore Housing Board should choose some such villages affected by floods every year and build houses for the villagers and recover the cost in instalments so that this problem may be solved early ;

(*d*) if so, the difficulties of the Government in implementing the scheme ;

(*e*) the reasons for not providing sites in the villages affected by floods ?